Round the clock operation of Mana Airport

† 4240. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mana Airport (Chhattisgarh) remains open from 7.00 A.M. to 11.30 P.M. only which causes hindrances in the operation of air services before 7.00 A.M. and after 11.30 P.M.;

(b) if so, whether any requests have been received from Chhattisgarh administration in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The operational facilities at Mana Airport are available from 0630 hours to 0830 hours daily and from 1130 hours to 1330 hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, to meet the existing requirement.

(b) and (c) The Government of Chhattisgarh approached Airports Authority of India (AAI) to provide watch from Sunrise to Sunset on all days.

(d) AAI has confirmed to provide all facilities at Mana Airport to the Government of Chhattisgarh, whenever requested by them.

Hangars at Mana Airport

† 4241. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhattisgarh Government had requested the Airports Authority of India to make available an empty Hangar at Mana Airport;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that the Authority has expressed its inability in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that State Government had requested the Authority in February, 2002 for making land available so that State Government might construct Hangar on its own expenditure; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.